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But the Princess broke the contract on her own in order to save you. She must've made some sort of deal before-hand with the White Princess.

...The Princess is given life through her contract with you.

As principal of the contract, you should be the only one able to annul it.

But I don't know what it could be.

As you're the principal of the contract, the White Princess must have had no choice but to allow you to reform the contract when you complained.

But in this case, the contract was broken by the second party.

As I said, normally only you should be able to do that.

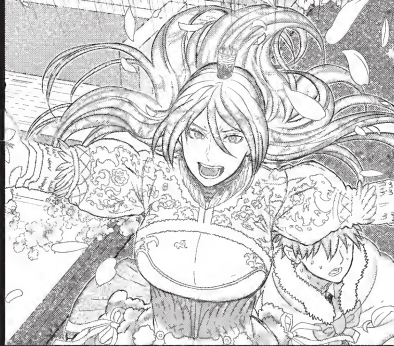
Either way, once your contract is annulled, it cannot be formed again.

But both you and the Princess really do offer your lives up too easily.



And
the same
goes for
Kagari.

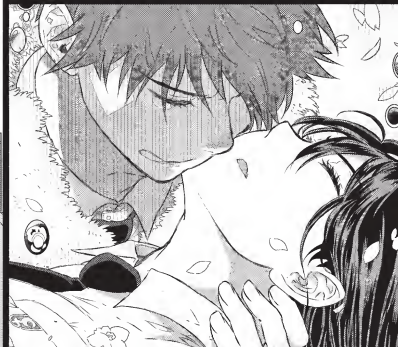
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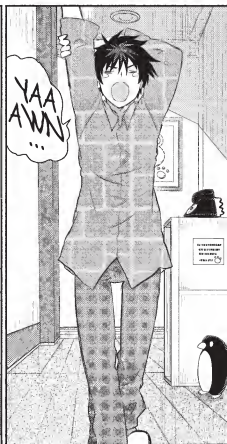
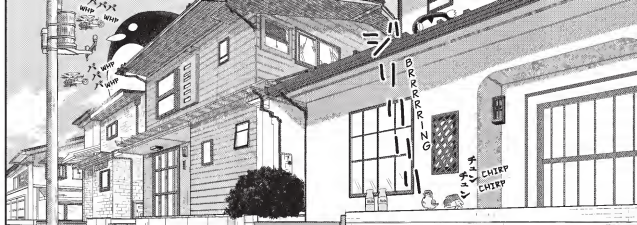


Don't
worry
...



I don't plan
to be that
careless with
my life ever
again.











And look—
The Town's
completely
back to
normal.



Been a
while since
we've
walked
side-by-
side like
this...



You
protected
it,
Takamiya
...



It's like
it was
all a
dream.



My
mind went
completely
blank when
I saw the
town in ruins.
If you hadn't
pushed me
to act...



No,
I couldn't
have done
anything
on my
own.



Taka-Miya.

HM?



But when it really counts...
you'll try to
help the town
and the
Workshop.

Hey, like,
usually you
treat me as
more important
than the rest
of the townfolk,
right?

That
part of
you is
what
saved
me.



You told
me I
needed
to
"do what
needs
to be
done,"

Wh-
What
are
you
say-
ing?

and
showed me
where to
make the
contract!



I don't
recall
trying to
help the
town
or the
Workshop
...

Wha?

What
are you
talking
about?



Honestly,
we could
have just
gone on
the run.

But
I really
wanted
to defeat
that blonde
witch with
my own
hands.

You ended up
defeating her,
though.



was to make
you hurry.
I just came up
with a reason
that sounded
good so you'd
act before my
mom came back.

TO MAKE
ME HURRY
?! 



You did all
of that to
save the
town,
right?



That
woman
ruined
our
test.

Messing
with your
school
life like
that...

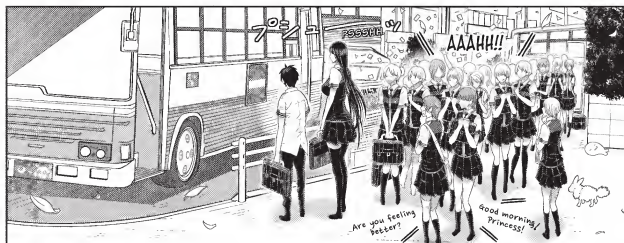
Yep,
that's what
I thought
it might
be! 



So you're
saying that
you weren't
fighting in
order to save
the town?

Right.

Then why
were you so
fixated on
that witch
we were
fighting?





YOU SEE,
KAGARI FELL INTO
A COMA AFTER
THE BATTLE 10
DAYS AGO AND
WAS IN THE
HOSPITAL FOR
A WEEK,

ARE YOU ALL
HEALED UP?
ARE YOU WELL
ENOUGH TO
WALK?!

I
thought
she was
hit by a
frozen
banana?

I HEARD
YOU WERE
HIT BY A
METEORITE
!

I heard that
a wild boar
suddenly
charged
at you!

MAKING
THIS HER
FIRST DAY
BACK AT
SCHOOL IN
A WHILE.



AA

You're as beautiful as ever!

AA

YOU'RE AMAZING PRINCESS!

Hold me!

CONGRATS ON RECOVERY!

MOVE IT, BOY!

Are you feeling better now?!

PRINCESS!!!

Congratulations on your recovery, Princess!

It's been so long, Princess!

IT FEELS LIKE LIFE IS BACK TO NORMAL.

Princess!

AAHH!

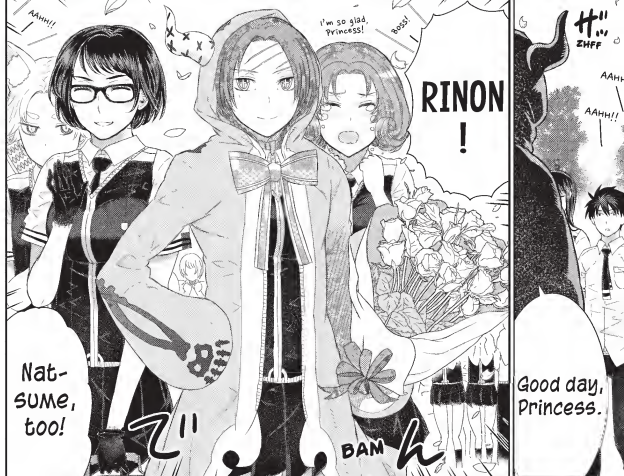
Good morning, Princess!

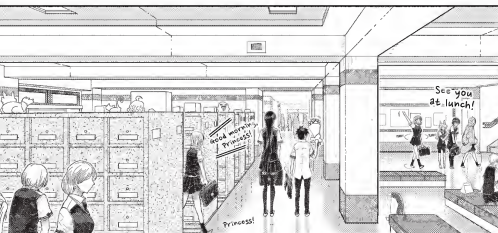
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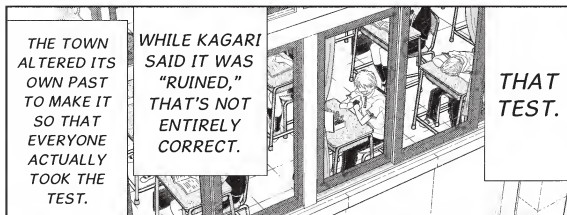
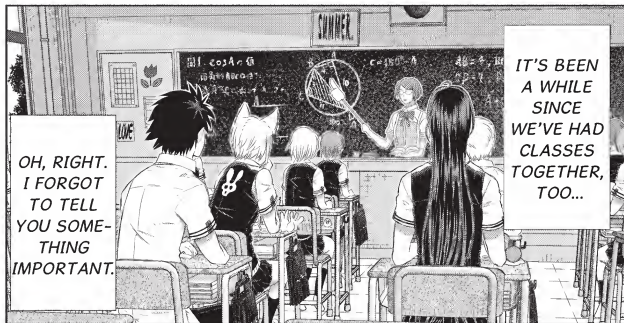
What's wrong?

YEAH, THIS IS HOW KAGARI SHOULD BE.

THIS IS WHAT I'M USED TO SEEING.









HOLD ON,
THAT'S
GOTTA BE
BOGUS,
RIGHT?!

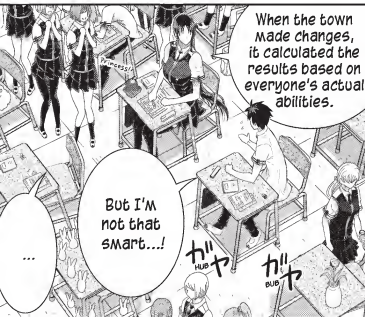
INCREDIBLY
ENOUGH,
I WAS
10TH
IN THE
ENTIRE
GRADE!

(OF COURSE, KAGARI RANKED 1ST,
AS SHE TOOK THE TEST UNDER
THE SUPERVISION OF A TEACHER
IN HER HOSPITAL ROOM.)

ドサ..
THUD



OW!
That's
correct.
Please
take your
seat.



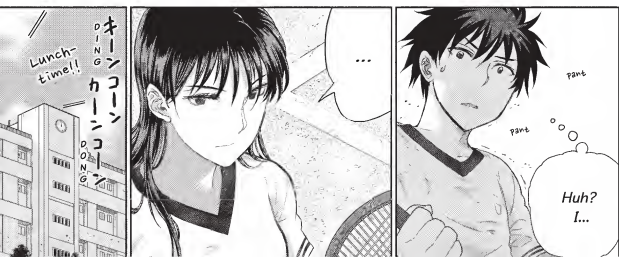
When the town
made changes,
it calculated the
results based on
everyone's actual
abilities.

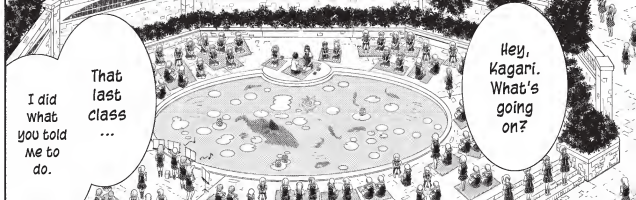
But I'm
not that
smart...!

There's
no
way.

You think that
something
unfairly
influenced
your test
results?







I did
what
you told
me to
do.

That
last
class
...

Hey,
Kagari.
What's
going
on?



As of the
last battle,
three of your
seals have
now been
broken.

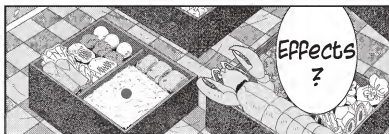
We're
starting
to see the
effects.

Did
some-
thing
happen
to my
body?



That's
what you
said,
right?

"Just
try your
hardest
and we'll
know."



Effects
?



OOF!

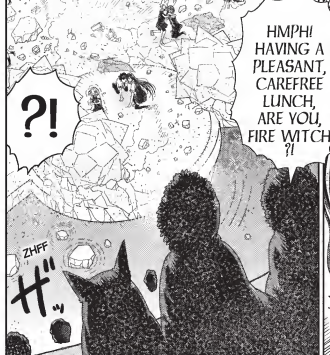
Taka-
miya
!!



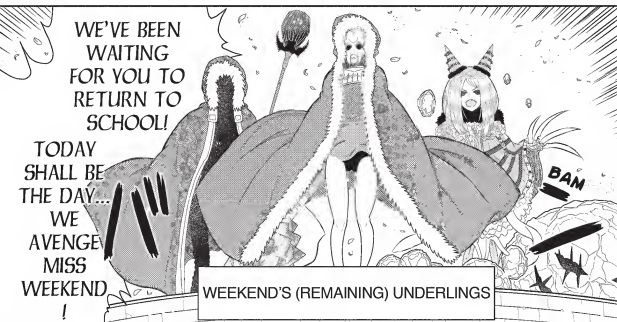
Wait,
so my grades
and athletic
abilities getting
better are...

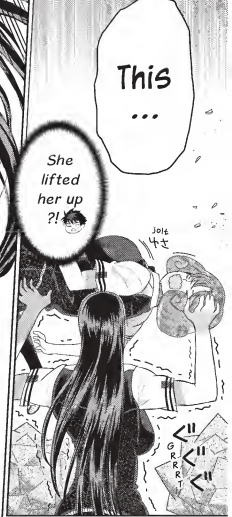
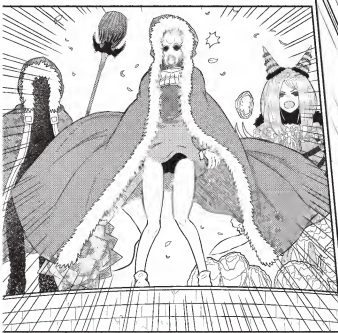
MUNCH
MUNCH

キラ
GLINT



HMPH!
HAVING A
PLEASANT,
CAREFREE
LUNCH,
ARE YOU,
FIRE WITCH
?!



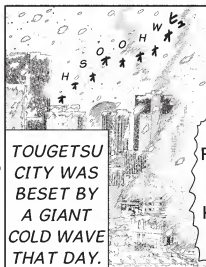


I WAS
TALKING
ABOUT
!!!

This
...



There's
a family
of Witches
known as the
"Harbingers
of the
Ice Age"
...



TOUGETSU
CITY WAS
BESET BY
A GIANT
COLD WAVE
THAT DAY.

FORGET THAT,
KAGARI!
THE ICE IS
HEADING OUR
WAY!!

But if
her life is
endangered,
it gets
annoying
...

When Touko
is in trouble,
her magic
manifests
according to
how much
danger
she's in.

Bullying her
a little bit
causes it to
feel like a
nice breeze
from an air
conditioner...

Abnormal Weather



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GRAB

OW!

GRRRRRRR

AGH!

OW,
OW...
HANG
ON...

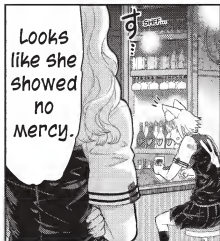
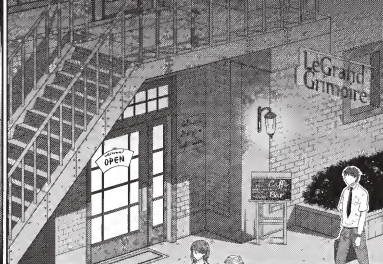
UM...
WHAT
ABOUT
MAGIC?

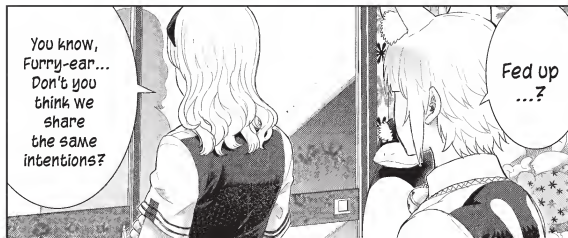
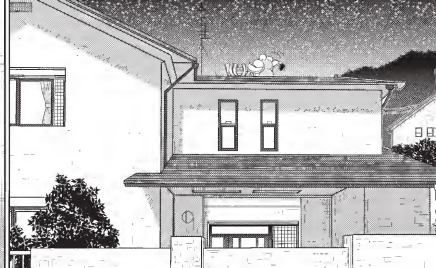
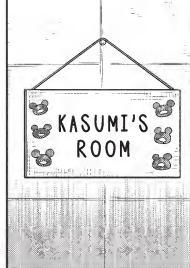
She's just
using her
bare hands
now!

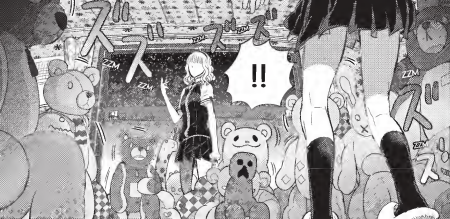


I... I'LL
LET
YOU OFF
FOR
TODAY...
OW OW
OW OW,
UNCLE,
UNCLE!

I wonder
if she
thought
she had a
chance of
winning...









Ever since I figured that out, I've bugged him to give me more stuffed animals, steadily increasing their ranks.

My magic allows me to "control the stuffed animals my big brother gives me"...

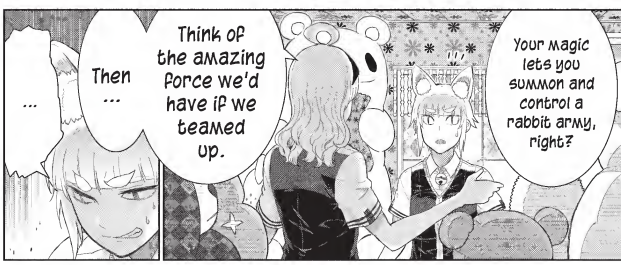
AFTER TRAINING HARD, I'M FINALLY ABLE TO USE THEM ALL IN BATTLE!



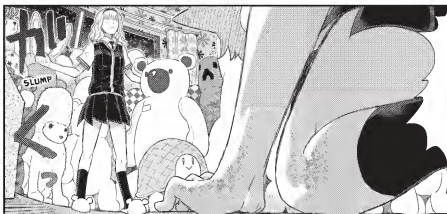
But controlling all of them at once wasn't an easy task...

...

Then ... Think of the amazing force we'd have if we teamed up.



Your magic lets you summon and control a rabbit army, right?



I... CAN'T DO THAT!



**IS
HIGHLY
FLAM-
MABLE
!!!!**

**AND
PAPER
...**

BAM





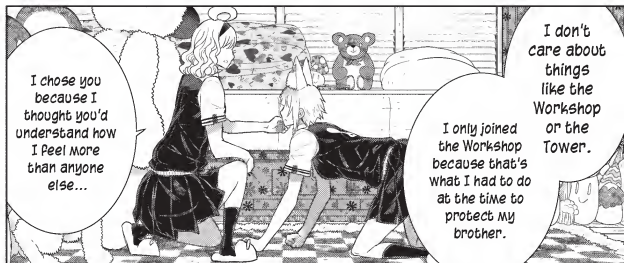
I protect
my brother
and his
town.

Anyone
who inter-
feres is
my enemy,
witch or
other-
wise.



IF anyone shares
your intentions,
wouldn't it be the
Fire Witch who
protects your
older brother?

I'm
your
en-
emy.



I chose you
because I
thought you'd
understand how
I feel more
than anyone
else...

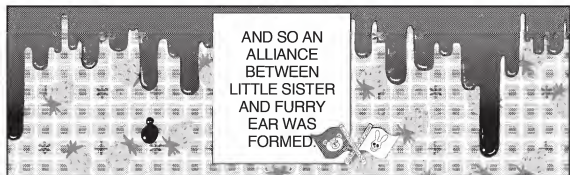
I only joined
the Workshop
because that's
what I had to do
at the time to
protect my
brother.

I don't
care about
things
like the
Workshop
or the
Tower.



Our bond would be
stronger than one
with anyone else!
We can get
more powerful!
Now's the time
for us to join
forces and get
revenge!!

We're comrades
because we've
both suffered at
the Princess's
hands! We're
sisters-in-arms,
in a way!



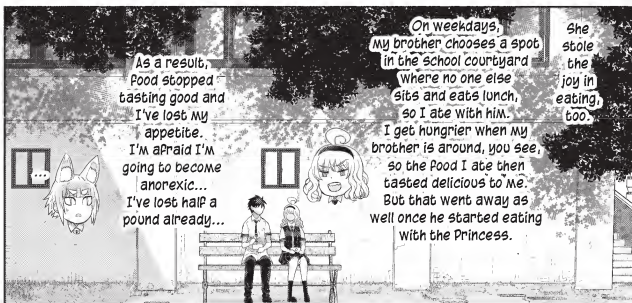


But this
dreadful
attack was
just the tip
of her evil
iceberg...

So now I can't fall
asleep easily,
and I'm plagued by
sleep deprivation
every day now.
My skin is
a mess, too...
In other words,
that woman's
plot was a huge
success!

She started
by depriving
me of my sleep.
Every other night,
I sleep in the same
bed as my brother,
but I haven't been
able to ever since the
Princess got in my way.
I get chilly easily,
so I can't get a good
night's sleep if I'm not
hugging my brother.

Well, where
should I start?
The Takamiya
household was
so peaceful
before the
Princess
showed up.
She destroyed
that peace.

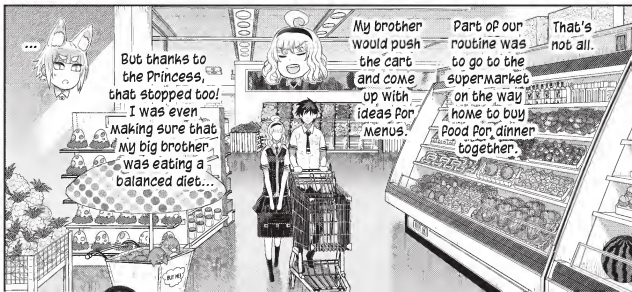


As a result,
food stopped
tasting good and
I've lost my
appetite.
I'm afraid I'm
going to become
anorexic...
I've lost half a
pound already...

On weekdays,
my brother chooses a spot
in the school courtyard
where no one else
sits and eats lunch,
so I ate with him.

I get hungrier when my
brother is around, you see,
so the food I ate then
tasted delicious to me.
But that went away as
well once he started eating
with the Princess.

She
stole
the
joy in
eating,
too.



But thanks to
the Princess,
that stopped too!
I was even
making sure that
my big brother
was eating a
balanced diet...

My brother
would push
the cart
and come
up with
ideas for
menus.

Part of our
routine was
to go to the
supermarket
on the way
home to buy
food for dinner
together.

That's
not all.

She's trying to make me dumb and keep me from going to the same university as my big brother! How cowardly can you get?!

Now that I can't do that either, I feel like my grades might have gone down a little bit.

After dinner, I'd just hang out in my brother's room. I'd sit on his bed and read manga, call my friends, play games, and stuff like that. I'd also make sure that he's reviewing for his classes the next day, and sometimes I'd have him help me with my homework.



What's that? Wasn't I embarrassed? Of course not! We're siblings! It's a big brother's duty to serve his little sister. A big brother and little sister are supposed to be together from the cradle to the grave. But she took that away, too!...

I like being clean, so I made sure he did a good job of washing me. I'd have him spend about an hour so that he didn't miss a spot.

Part of our routine was for him to wash my whole body from head to toe.

Oh, and baths, too. We used to take baths together every other day.

The Princess is trying to take everything away from me. That's her dastardly plan!

He still will sometimes buy it for me, but it really tastes best when we eat it in the cafe together... that's gone, too.

We'd sometimes sit around and do nothing for an entire day, but sometimes we'd go shopping. There's a cafe we used to always go to in front of the station, and I really like the tiramisu there.

Even on our days off, we were usually together.

AHI



I don't see why any of what you just said would make you hate the Fire Witch...

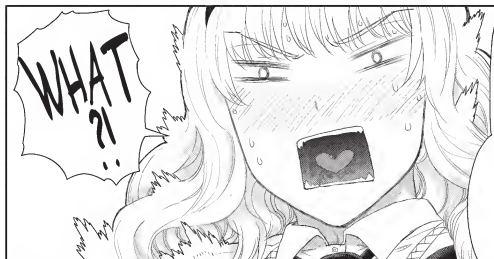
But could it be possible that... no, I'm pretty sure that...



And then ...

H-HOLD ON!
CAN I ASK YOU ONE QUESTION?

What is it?



WHAT?
..

You have a **BROTHER COMPLEX**, right?



COURSE I DON'T L-L-LIKE MY BIG BROTHER IN THAT KIND OF WAY!!!

O-OF

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! HOW MUCH WOULD YOU HAVE TO READ INTO WHAT I SAID TO COME TO THAT CONCLUSION?! IS YOUR BRAIN ROTTING?! IS IT DRIED UP LIKE A RAISIN?! ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!

WH-WH-WH-WH-

WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A HAPPY FAMILY AND BE BLESSED WITH THREE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN!!

IT...

IT'S JUST THAT HE'S...

MY

FUTURE HUSBAND,

THAT'S ALL!!!

HOW DOES THAT MEAN I LIKE HIM?! IDIOT! MORON!!

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ズ **ZWOooooo**

BY THE WAY,
WHERE DID YOUR
FRIENDS GO?
AREN'T THEY
BACK YET?!
BRING SOME OTHER
GIRLS WHO HATE
THE PRINCESS!
WE NEED
NUMBERS!!!

A—

ANYWAY,
THAT'S ENOUGH
FOR TODAY!
WE'LL CONTINUE
TOMORROW!!



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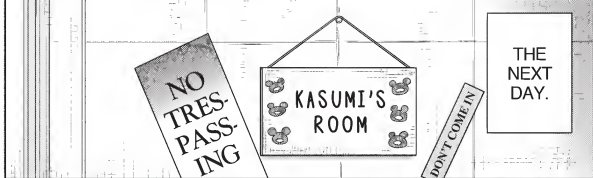


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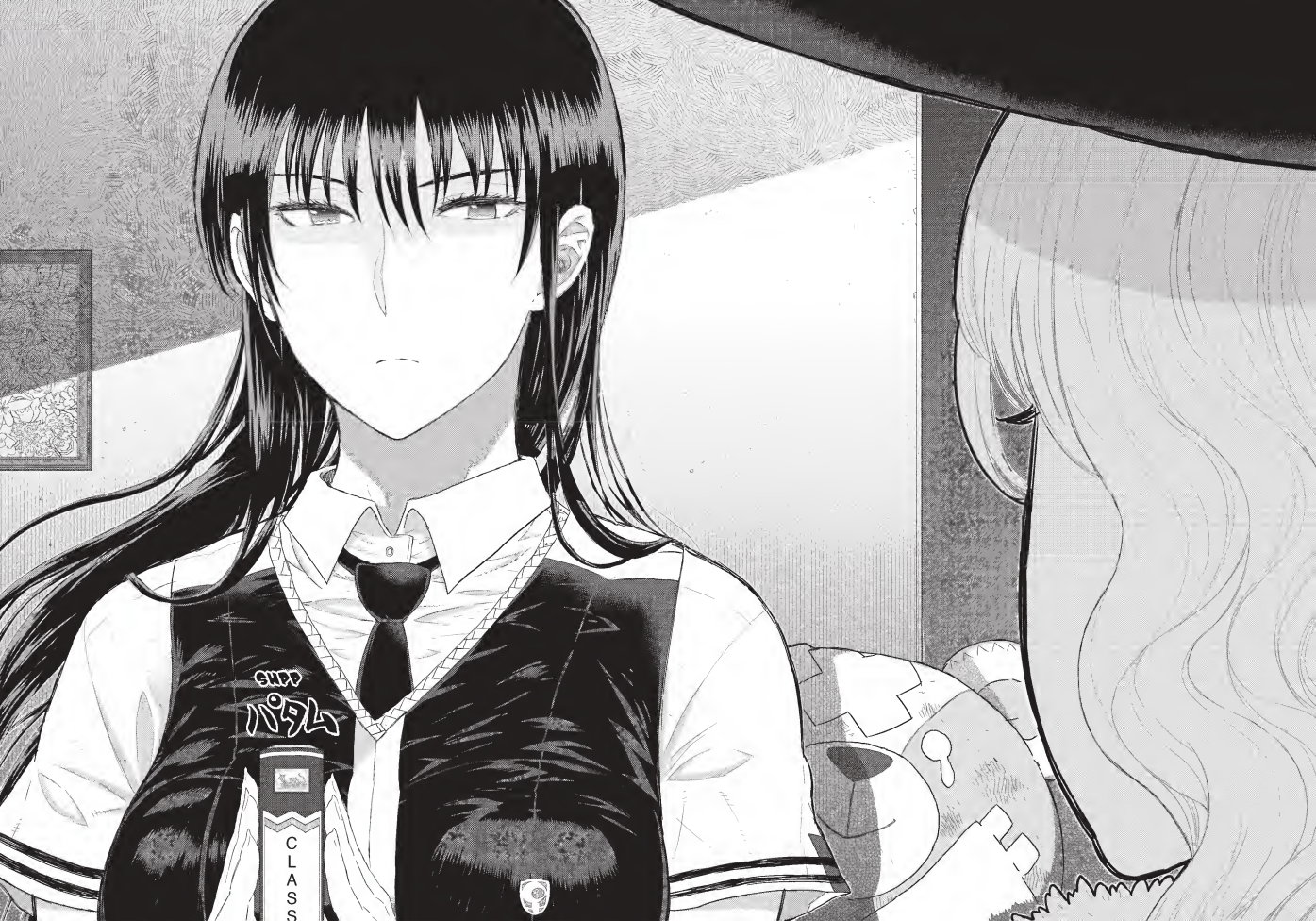
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TOMORROW!!









THE
SISTER-
FURRY
ALLIANCE
CRUMBLES.

DASH

DASH

W
A
A
A
H
I

AH...
 OW!
 OW
 OW

PLEASE
STOOOOO
II

GRAB

A vertical strip of a page from a manuscript, showing a column of text. The text is written in a large, stylized, and somewhat irregular script. The characters are primarily 'X' and 'f' (or similar variants). There are smaller, more legible characters interspersed, including 'KRIK', 'KRAK', and 'KRAK'. The strip is narrow, showing only a portion of the original page's width.

You seem to be in bad shape too...

...Good morning to you too, Climber's High.

THE
NEXT
DAY.

IT'S
KURAI-
SHI!!

You do that on purpose!

I...
I fell in the
bathtub.

Every day!

How'd
you get
hurt

Morn
ing.

Morn
ing

Morn-

Informant

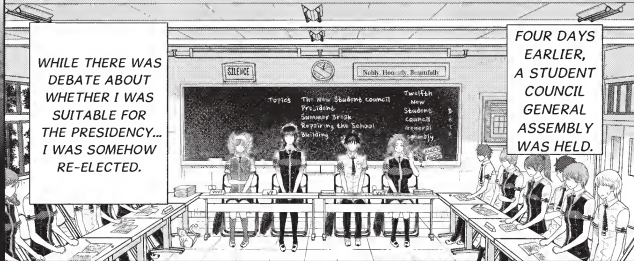


Witchcraft Works



WHILE THERE WAS
DEBATE ABOUT
WHETHER I WAS
SUITABLE FOR
THE PRESIDENCY...
I WAS SOMEHOW
RE-ELECTED.

FOUR DAYS
EARLIER,
A STUDENT
COUNCIL
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
WAS HELD.



But
subcon-
sciously,
their
impression
of you has
improved.

You saved
everyone in
town, right?
Of course,
no ordinary
people
remember
that...

I haven't
done
anything.
It was
all you,
Taka-
miya.

I ASSUMED
THAT
KAGARI DID
SOMETHING
BEHIND THE
SCENES,
BUT...

...IS
WHAT
SHE
SAID.

That's why
people
accept
you now.



It's fine,
I've read
over them
already.

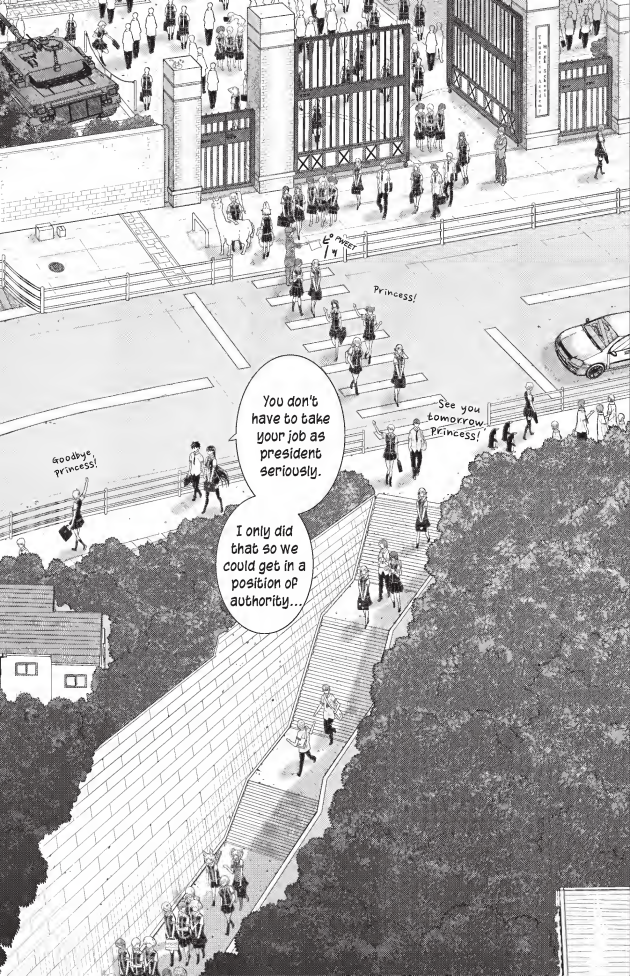
Shouldn't I
read these,
Kagari?

I'm just
stamping
one after
another.

AFTER THAT,
I WAS BUSY FOR
A WHILE HAVING
TO TAKE CARE OF
PAPERWORK
EVERY DAY.

A LOT OF UNSETTLED CASES
WERE LEFT AFTER THE PREVIOUS
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
WAS SUDDENLY FIRED.





You don't
have to take
your job as
president
seriously.

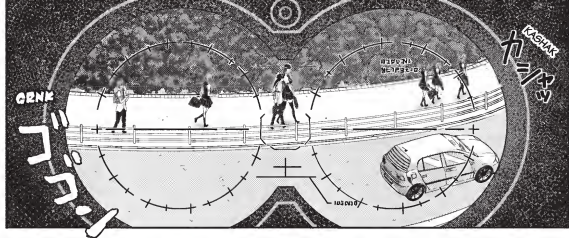
I only did
that so we
could get in a
position of
authority...

Goodbye,
princess!

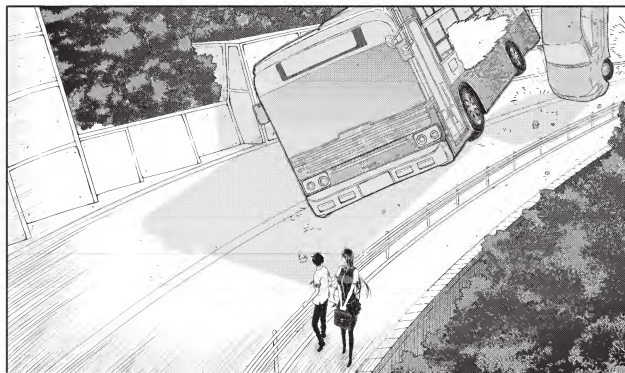
Princess!

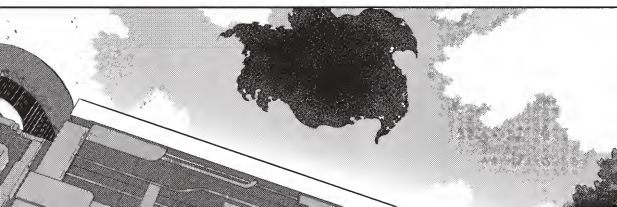
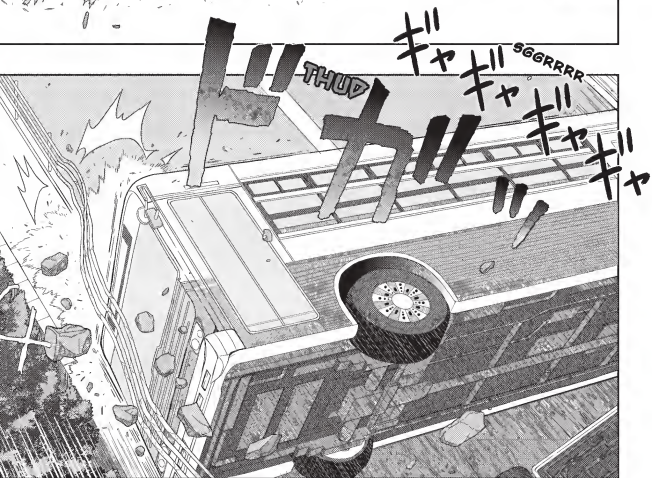
See you
tomorrow,
Princess!

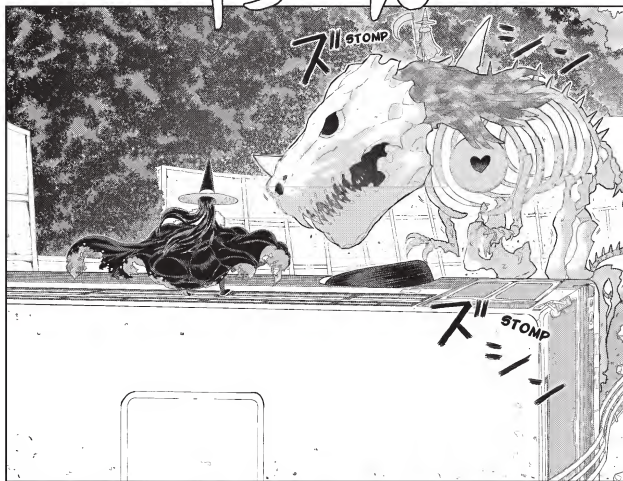
GO SWEET

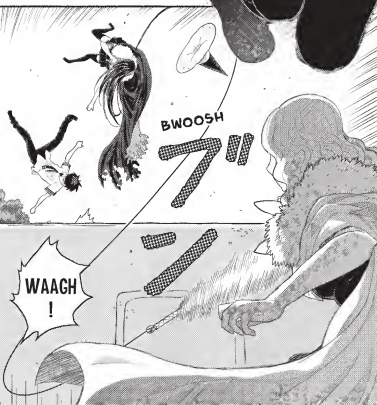




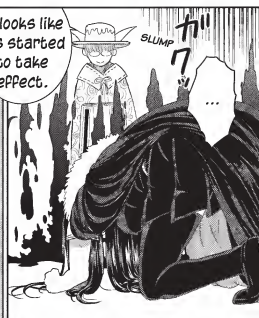
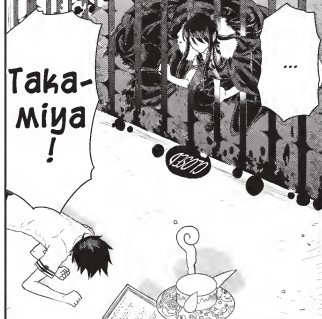


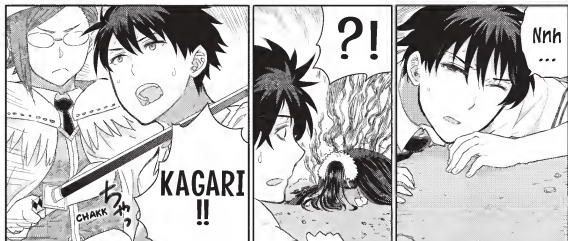






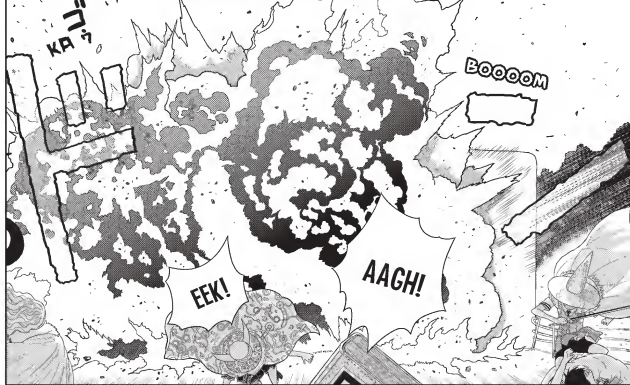








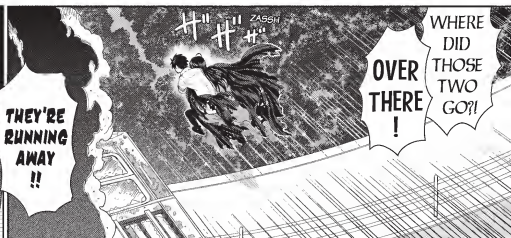
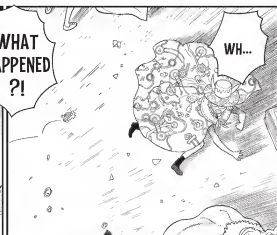


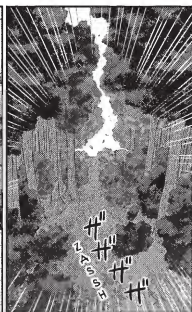


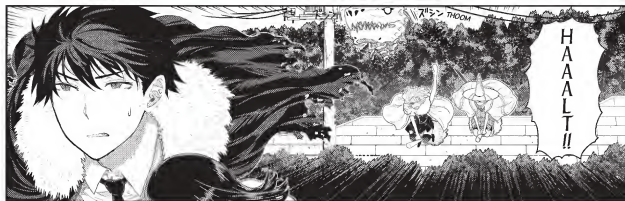
Quick, go!



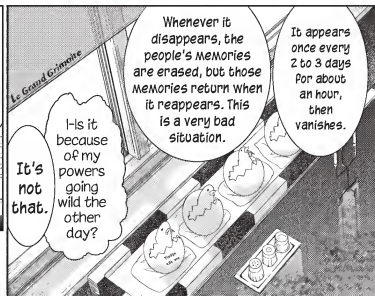
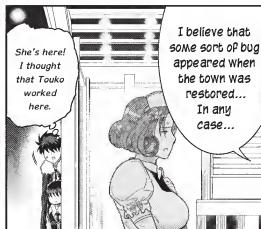
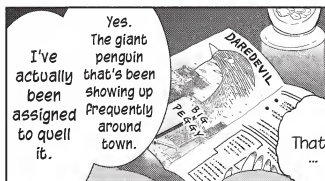
WHAT
HAPPENED
?!





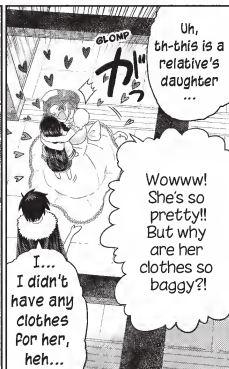


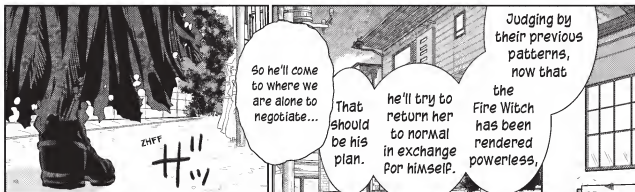
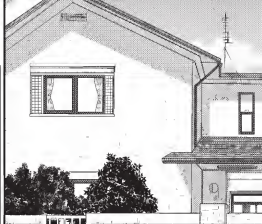


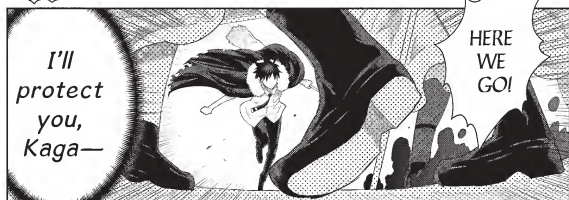


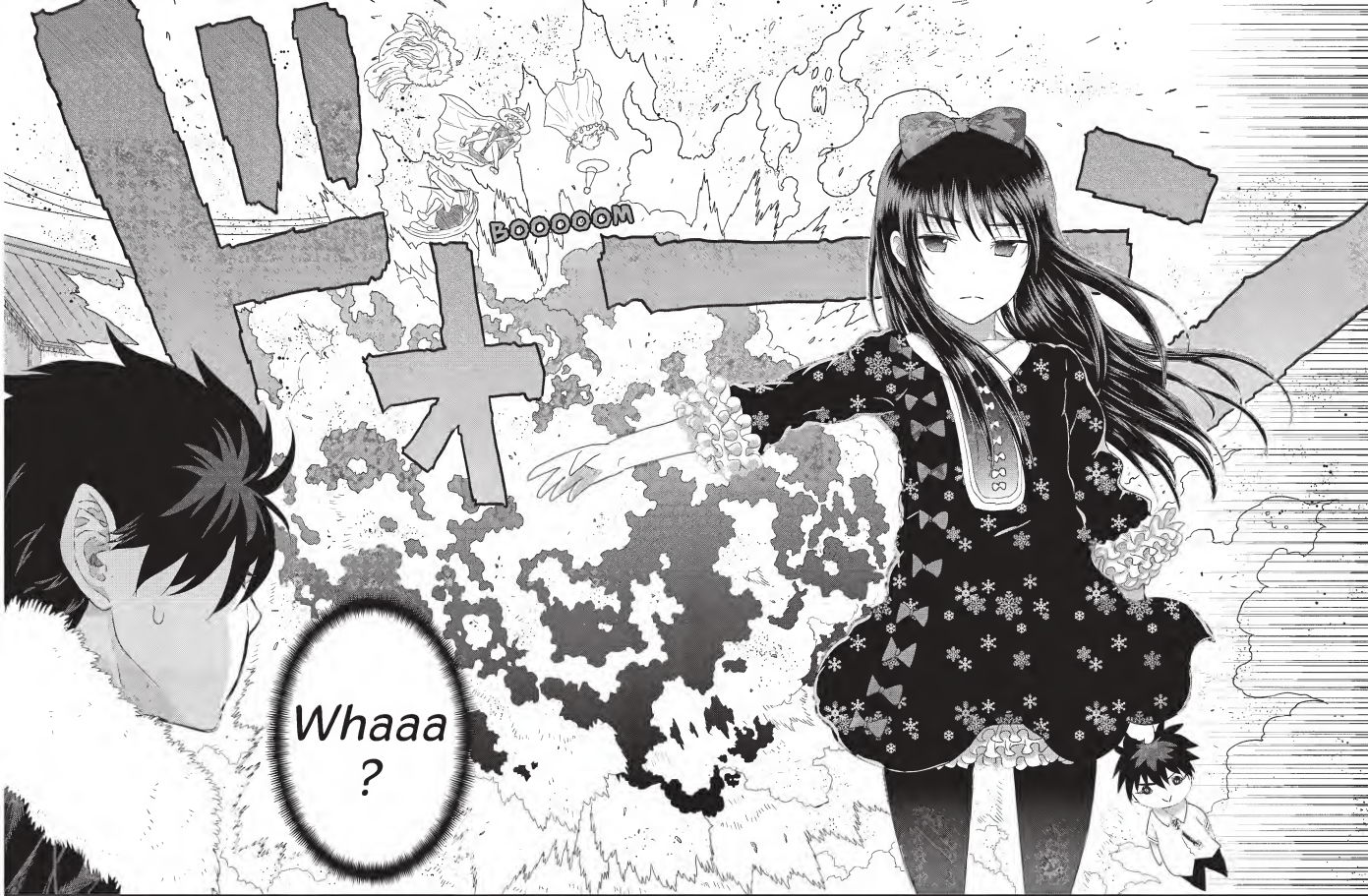


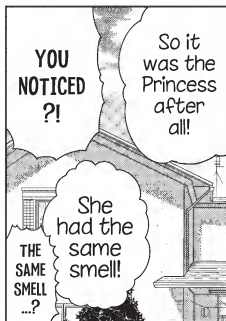
What?!
Whoooo
is that
cute
girl?!?!









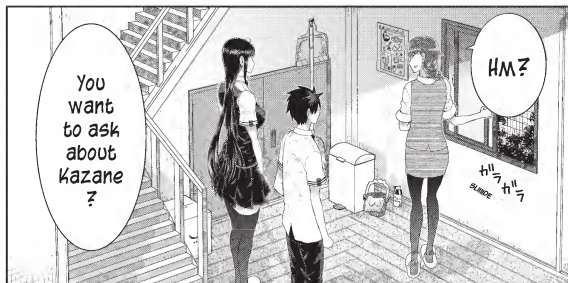


The Furry-ear Clan Goes Home

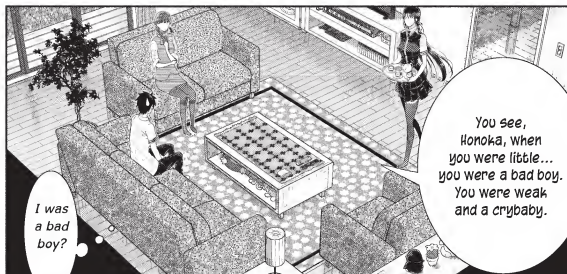


Witchcraft Works











In any case,
this continued
on for four
years, until
one day,

you were
hurt in an
accident.

I don't
know the details,
but apparently you
two traveled all over.
Sometimes you'd only
be gone for the day,
but sometimes you
wouldn't come home
for a week.

How often?
Sometimes it
was once a month,
sometimes she'd
wait half a year.

I never blamed
Kazane or
anything, but...
that was your
last trip.

Your
life wasn't
in danger,
but you slept
for about
three days.

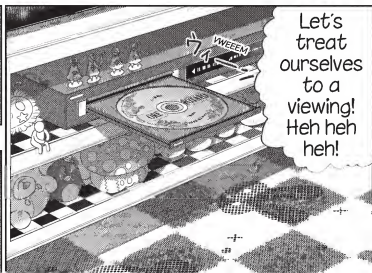
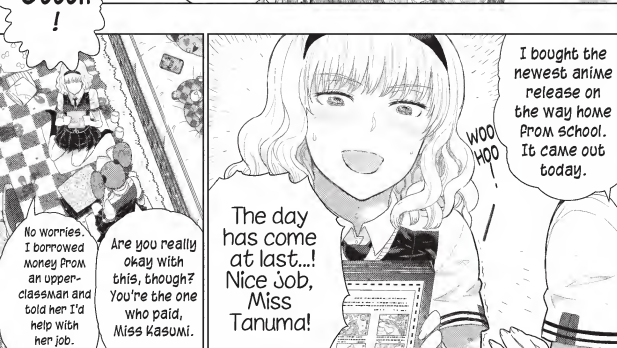
Apparently
you fell off
a cliff.

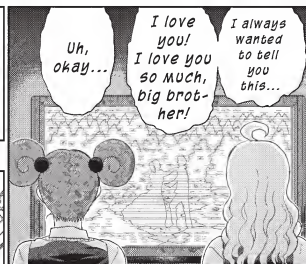
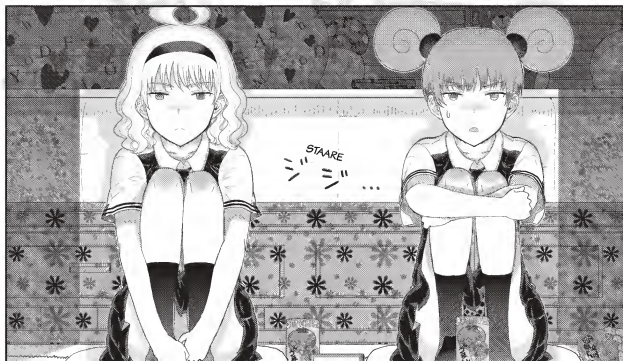
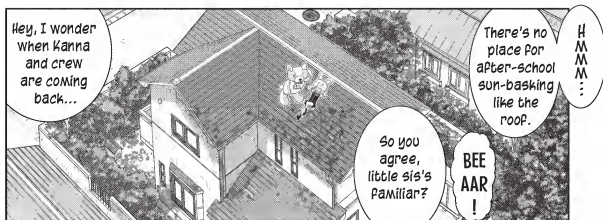
Anyways...
You remembered
everything about yourself
and the family, so...
after we talked,
I decided to stay quiet
until you remembered
everything on your own.

I guess
it's what
they call
selective
amnesia?

When you woke up,
I was shocked—
you didn't
remember Kazane,
along with a lot
of other things.







That
part
was
creepy,
wasn't
it?

Yeah.
Especially
the part
where the
little sister
confesses
her love for
her blood-
related
brother.

TO BE CONTINUED

Wow...
that got
a little...
out there
pretty
quickly.

It's a big
change from
the series
until now...

Wha
?!



It'd just make
everyone around
them unhappy.
What a doomed
relationship.

EXCUSE
ME?!

They
could travel to
different worlds
or suddenly find
a dragon in their
world, but that
would still be more
realistic than a
brother and
sister falling
in love.

They were
so friendly
until now,
but they can't
go back to
that any-
more.



is kinda
gross,
isn't it?

That
kind of
thing





WHAT ABOUT
CHILDREN?
YOU SAID
YOU'D HAVE
TWO,
RIGHT?!

That
depends
from
person to
person.

Plenty
of people
marry for
reasons
other than
love.

Yeah.

YOU DO
KNOW HOW
BABIES
ARE MADE,
RIGHT?!

Oh,
well we are
gonna get
married.

Marriage
is some-
thing that
comes
after love,
right?

WHY IS
THAT THE
ONE THING
YOU'RE
STUBBORN
ABOUT ?!

You said
you two
would get
married
before.
What
about
that?

ARE
YOU
SERI-
OUS
?!

Mommy said
that it comes
by when a man
and a woman
are at the
height of
happiness.

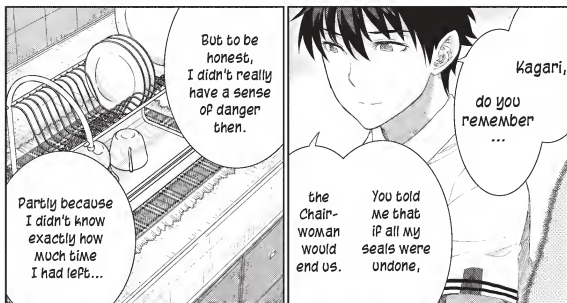
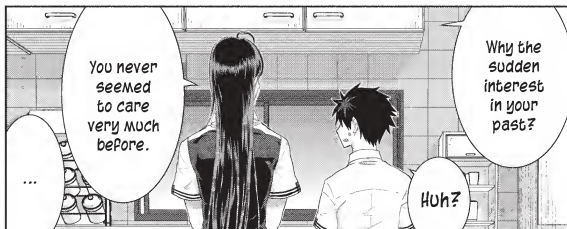
Yes...?
What's wrong,
Miss Tanuma?
You're being
scary.

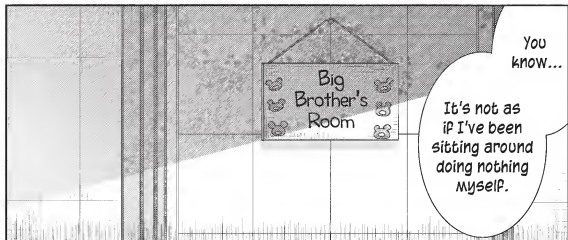
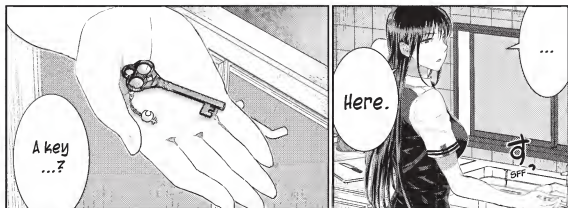
A bird comes by
to deliver you
babies, right?
Like a little
Pteranodon.

W-Well...
Kasumi,
you'd...
have to
do dirty
things...
with your
brother...

?!







While I was
spending my
days at school
with you,
I was also,
uhm...

doing
research
on your
seal.

And this
is something
I got in the
process.

That was my
Mom's house.
The Kagari
family home
is somewhere
else.

Like this

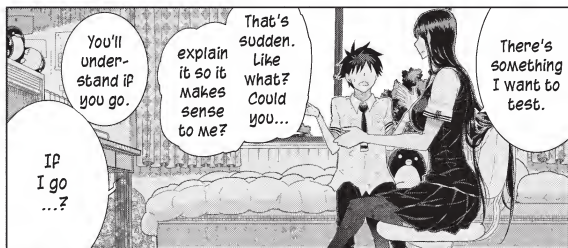
3000-1000
3000-1000

Your home?
I thought your
home was
destroyed.

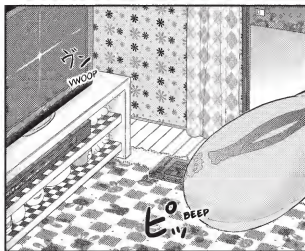
I'll tell
you how
I got it
later,
but...

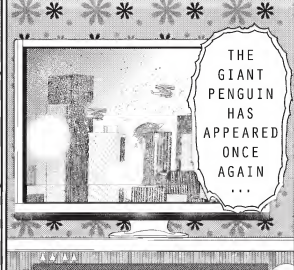
This
is a key
to my
home.

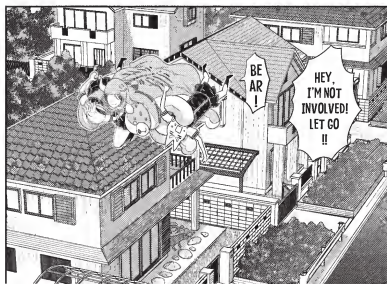
I lived
there until
I graduated
middle
school.









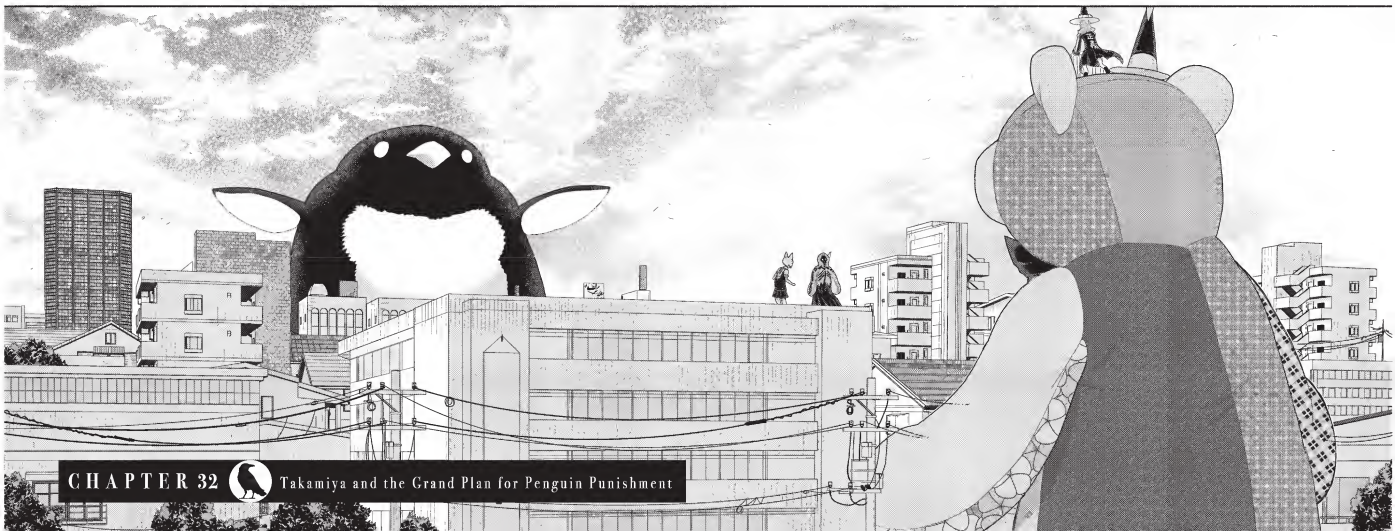


Kasumi's Thoughts on Love



Witchcraft Works







I THOUGHT I'D
BE HELPING YOU
AT A CAFÉ, BUT
THEN YOU TELL
ME TO GET READY
TO FIGHT...



UM,
MASTER?
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?!

NONE OF
THIS MAKES
ANY SENSE
TO ME!

BUSTLE
バババ



It's the duty
of Workshop
Witches to
protect the
town! As my
successor,
you must
prove your
strength!

Yes, that's
right!

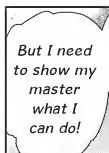
It's your job to
destroy that
damn thing!!



ピギャ

PEGYAAH!
ツ
ズズンTHOOM

AND THERE'S
THE GIANT
PENGUIN THAT'S
DISTURBING
THE TOWN,
RIGHT?!



But I need
to show my
master
what I
can do!

I can't really
get in a fighting
mood because
Honoka loves
penguins...

ヒュオオオオ
WHOOOOOSH

Sigh...



Why are you here...?
Please retreat,
it's dangerous.



I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT THE HELP OF A WITCH AS POWERFUL AS ME...

HEY, YOU TWO! DID YOU KIDNAP ME BECAUSE YOU WANTED MY ASSISTANCE?

BUT THERE'S NO CHANGING THE FACT THAT I'M A TOWER WITCH!! THAT MAKES ME YOUR...



You wanna make a fool out of me that badly...?!

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D-
DAMN YOU...

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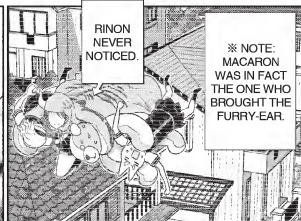
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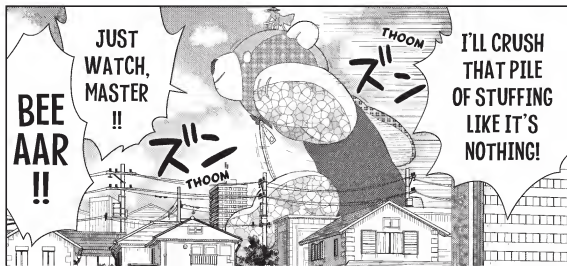
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RINON NEVER NOTICED.

※ NOTE:
MACARON
WAS IN FACT
THE ONE WHO
BROUGHT THE
FURRY-EAR.



BEE AAR !!

JUST WATCH, MASTER !!

ズン
THOOM

THOOM

ズン

I'LL CRUSH THAT PILE OF STUFFING LIKE IT'S NOTHING!



GRAKK



THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

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THOOM

AAA
AAA
GHH
!!



BAM

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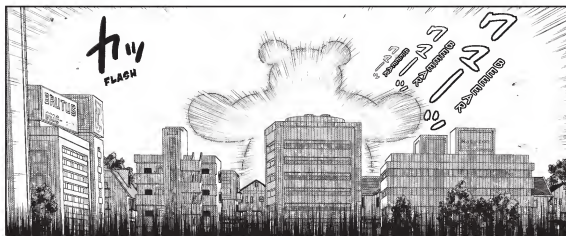


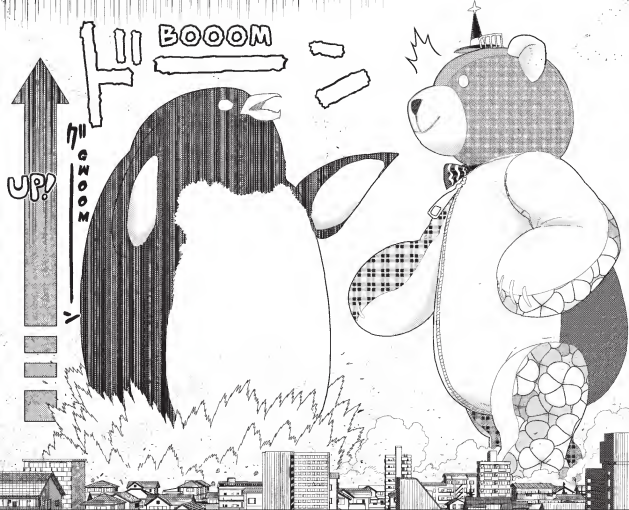


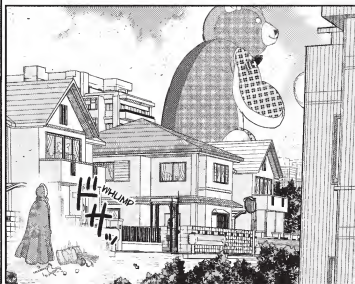
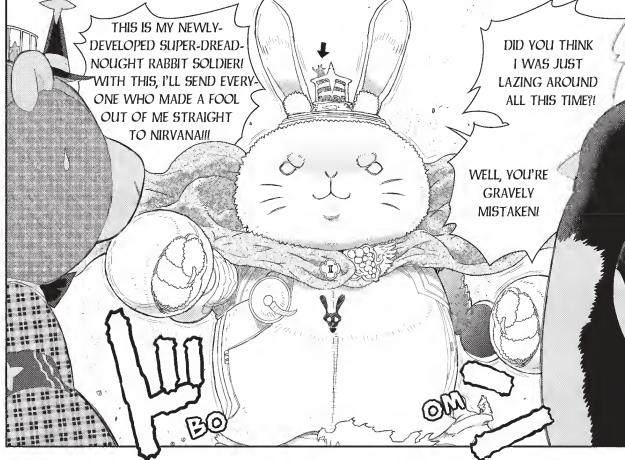
No matter!
You have
my per-
mission!



I've had
a size
limit ever
since...

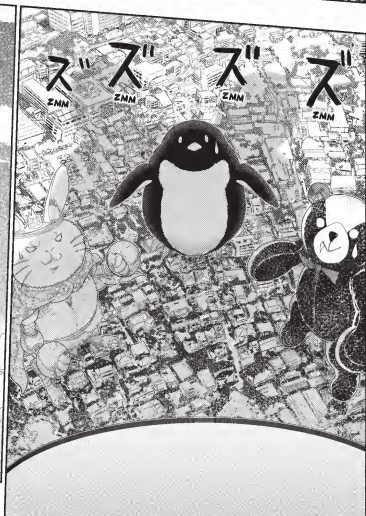
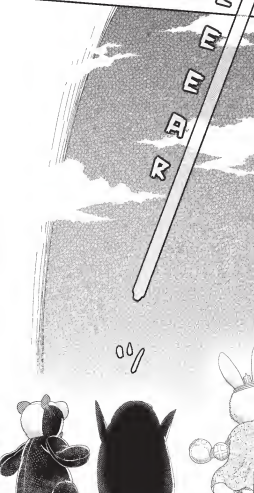
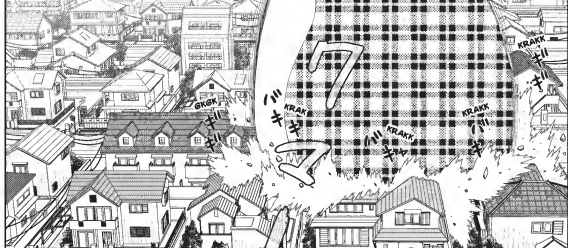






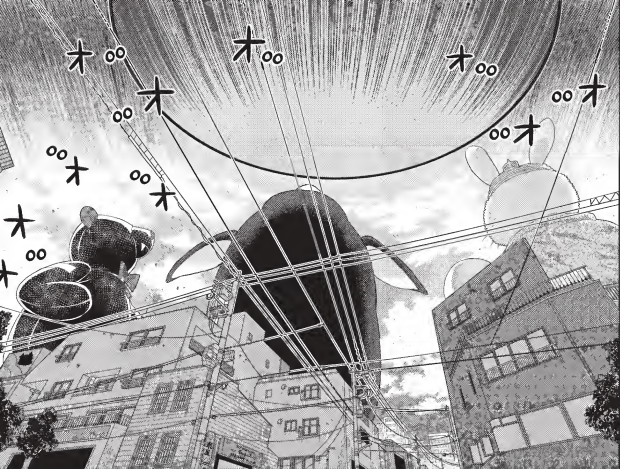


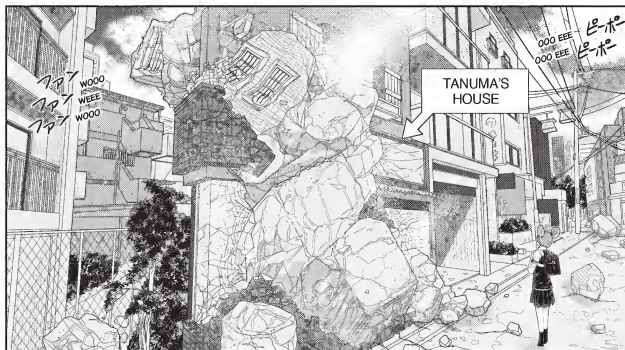












Is
this the
source
of that
giant
penguin
?

Look,
Kasumi.
This seems
to be a
spirit
vessel.

one of
Honoka's
sculptures
!!

It's
signed...

Honoka

Hm
...?

This
is...

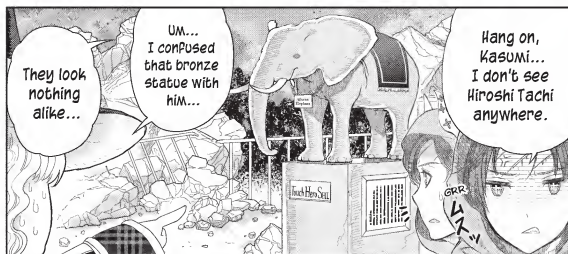
Whoa!!
What's
Hiroshi Tachi,
the famous
actor,
doing over
there?!

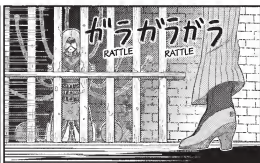
Huh?!
Where?!
Where
is he
?!?

YOUR GIRL

Did you
notice
something?
Perhaps it
could help
us find the
culprit...

Crap.
I gotta
do some-
thing...







Yeah.
Tougetsu
City's magical
defenses are
flawless.

Kazane...
was your
Contract
with the
Town Pully
functional?

When did
that first
start?

TAP
TAP



Get
to the
point.

HMP. As
humorless
as ever,
I see.

There's something
I wanted to ask you...
I've been thinking
about it this entire
time, both during
torture and while
stuck here to rot.



I started
hiding out here
nearly a year
ago in order
to execute
my plan...

I observed
you Workshop
Witches every
day since.



Are you
sure?

It wasn't
after you
discovered
my magic
circle?

Nope
...

That's an odd
question. When
?

Ever since I
was appointed
head of the
Workshop
here.

Naturally,
they were
all trivial
matters,
easily
ignored...

I've seen magic
intervene in the
lives of regular
people countless
times.

I mistakenly
thought you were
like most of the
other Workshop
Witches who've
grown lazy during
peacetime and are
lax regarding the
functions of
their town.



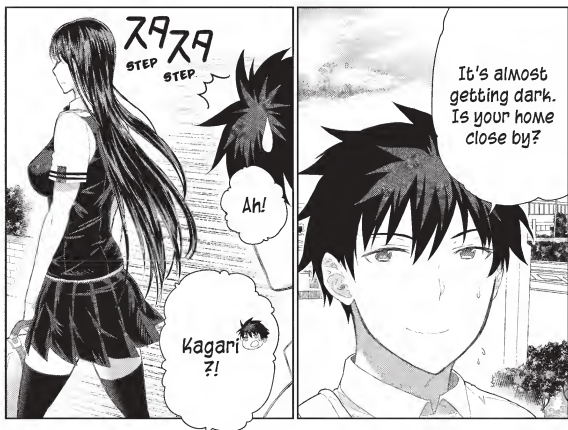
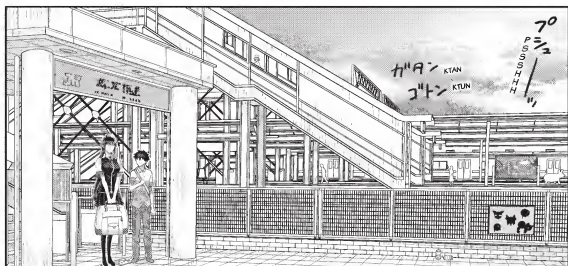
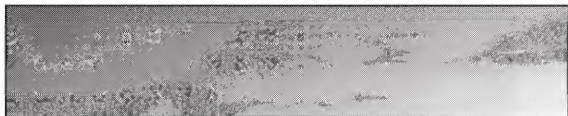
That's
why I feel
I can
say...

I think
that's
off.



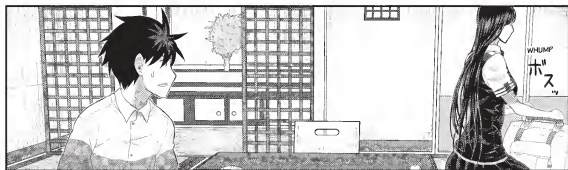
There's
someone who
is deceiving
you and
meddling with
the Contract
with the
Town!

But
I was
wrong...



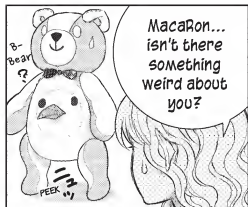




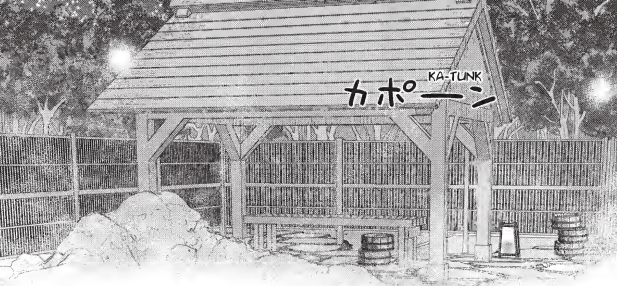




An Unusual Phenomenom



Witchcraft Works



...No,
it's fine
...



Takamiya,
is the water
too hot?



There were
signs back
there for
separate men's
and women's
outdoor baths,
right?

Er,
rather,
Kagari
...



We
have the
baths to
ourselves
today.

SO WHY
EXACTLY ARE
YOU WASHING
MY BACK RIGHT
NOW?!

NO, NO!
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEAN
!!



SHE LIVES
TOGETHER WITH
ME AT HOME.
SHE'S MY CLASS-
MATE, A WITCH,
AND MY MASTER
IN THE WORLD
OF MAGIC.

THIS IS
KAGARI.



I'M A SLIGHTLY
UNUSUAL HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENT
WHO, AFTER GETTING
WRAPPED UP IN A
BUNCH OF THINGS,
IS BEING HUNTED
DOWN BY WITCHES.

MY
NAME IS
HONOKA
TAKA-
MIYA.



AT LEAST,
THAT WAS
THE PLAN,
BUT SOME-
HOW WE
ENDED UP
DOING
THIS...



TODAY,
WE LEFT
MY PLACE
IN ORDER
TO VISIT
"KAGARI'S
HOME."





What's the difference?



YOU AND MY SISTER ARE TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT PEOPLE!!

Kasumi's part of my family, you know? She's my little sister, connected by blood...



TAKAMIYA IS KAGARI'S APPRENTICE, WHICH MEANS THAT HIS MASTER'S ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE!



Answer me.



I'm asking you this as your master.



DON'T
FORCE
ME TO
STATE THE
OBVIOUS
!!

BECAUSE
YOU'RE AN
ATTRACTIVE
GIRL,
KAGARI
!!!



...W-
WELL...

*Why...
why do
I feel like
I have to
answer
her?*

HE'S
BEEN WELL-
TRAINED.



*But
your little
sister is
also...*

But
...



And you know, Kagari...

Shouldn't you be a little more prudent?



My sister is my sister. I try not to look at her when she's naked,

but even if I do, I don't think anything of it.

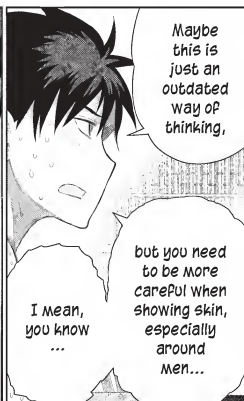
It's completely different than with you.



Taka-miya ...

Huh?

For the sake of your future husband ...



Maybe this is just an outdated way of thinking,

I mean, you know ...

but you need to be more careful when showing skin, especially around men...



Waaa
aaaa
agh
!!!!

You're making
me out to be
some sort of
hussy who
gives it up for
any man.

You know
that I'm
wearing a
swimsuit
under my
towel.

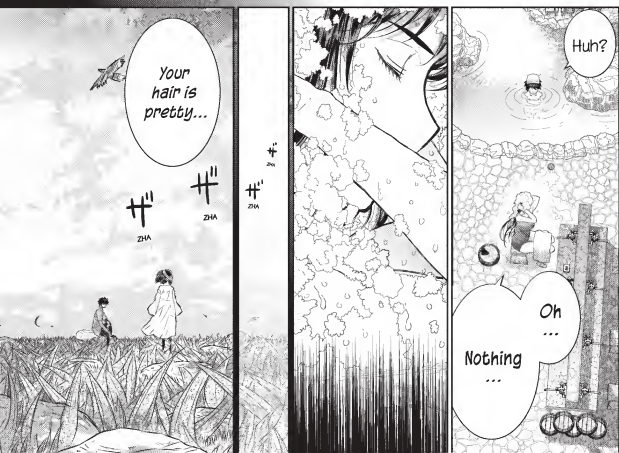
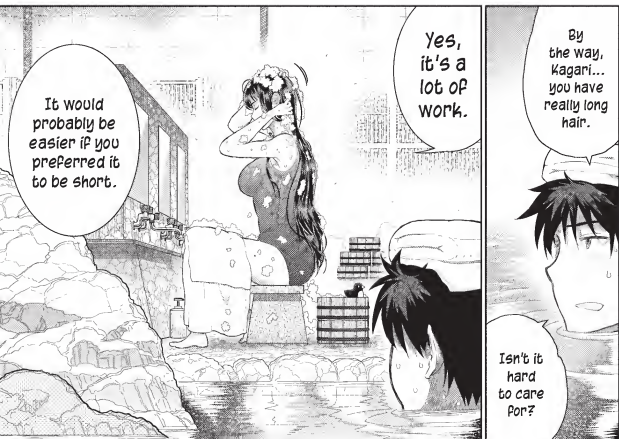
B-But you
still look
provocative
even when
you're in a
swimsuit

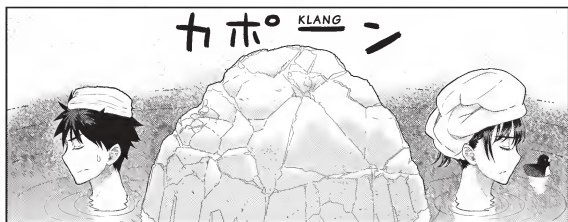
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Please
don't think
I'm such
a cheap
woman.

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Yeah,
it's
Pine...

But why
are we in
the baths
together
again?!



How does
the water
feel,
Takamiya?

SPLASH
チャ
ブ...



Stop
yapping
and get to
work. We'll
get yelled
at!

♪
!

Someone rented
the entire place out.
I bet some big-name
politician brought his
mistress here or
something!

TA-DA

じゅん

What's the deal
with this place
today? There
aren't any
customers
at all!



カッラッ
SLIDE



All right,
let's get
cleaning and
get back in
Mistress's
good graces!!

Yeeah!



ぞろぞろ
TROMP TROMP

I WANNA
SEE
TANPOPO
AGAIN...

Yeah, I know.
Ever since Mistress
Medusa Pound out we'd
snuck off to attack
Takamiya in the middle
of our training the
other day...

That's why we're
being forced
to work at a
place like this,
you know!

Well, guess
we can't
dither
forever.





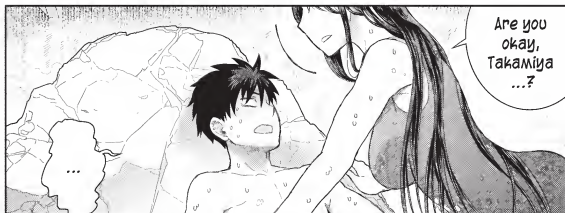


Come this way and help me!



I don't remember training you girls to be so thoughtless as to lay hands on your customers!

BLUTTER BLUTTER



Are you okay, Takamiya ...?

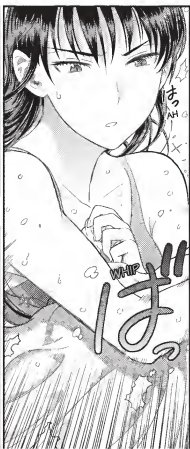


BLURBLE
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Too much blood rushed to his head.

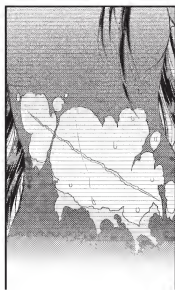
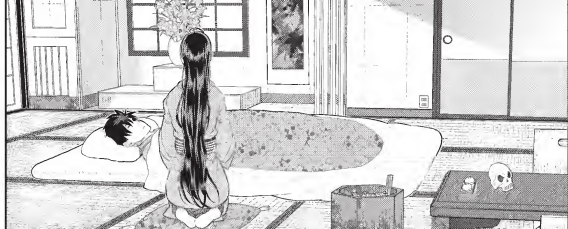


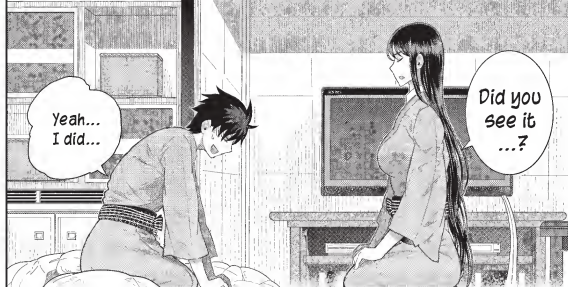
Taka-
miya
!!!



WHIP
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There's a scar on my Mom's back that looks just like it.

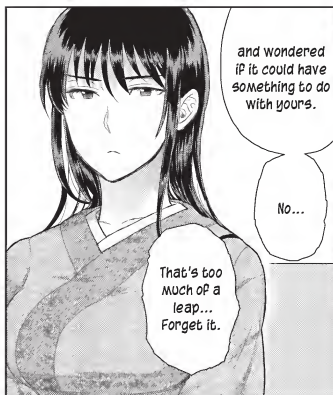
It's about... that scar.

It's right about as big as yours, too.

She said it's old, so it doesn't hurt now.

but all she said was, "You shouldn't ask a girl such questions."

I've asked her about how she got it,



and wondered if it could have something to do with yours.

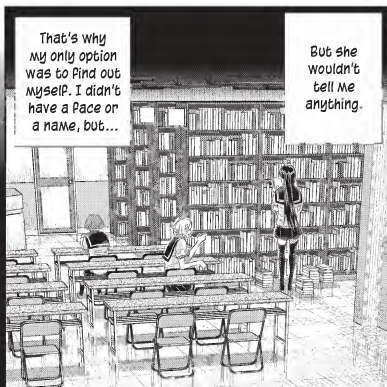
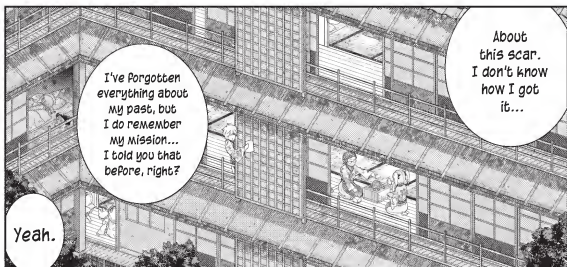
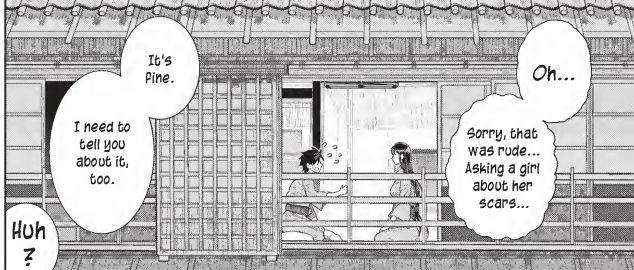
No...

That's too much of a leap... Forget it.



But... she did say that it's "special."

I was just reminded of it...





I don't know why, but I was certain I'd know who it was when I saw them.

So I scoured every junior high around.

I figured this person was under my Mother's protection. In other words, someone in this town.



I searching for a whole fruitless year...

We met.

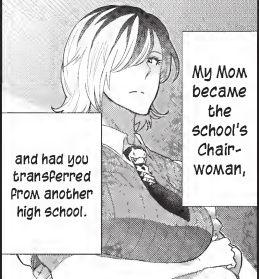
Just as I started peeling discouraged,



The way my scar ached told me it was him.



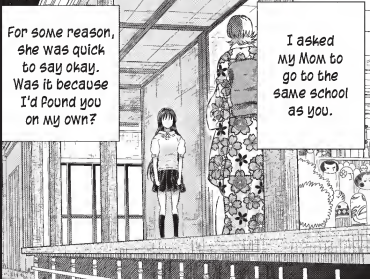
I'd found him.



and had you transferred from another high school.

My Mom became the school's Chairwoman,

For some reason, she was quick to say okay. Was it because I'd found you on my own?



I asked my Mom to go to the same school as you.



My Mom didn't want me to have anything to do with you.

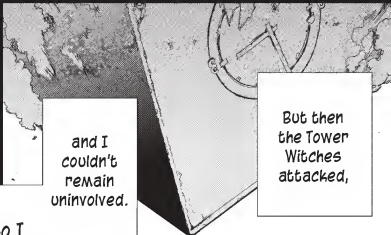


That's when my Mom gave me one condition.
"Don't get involved with him."
Don't speak or interact with you, just watch over you.



and the rest is history.

So I saved you,



and I couldn't remain uninvolved.

But then the Tower Witches attacked,





It's thanks
to this scar
that I was
able to
find you.

But...
as you
can see,
it's still
a scar.

So I didn't
really want
you to know
about it.



No matter what
kind of scars
you have, they
won't change
the way I
treat you.

There's
nothing
for you
to worry
about.

Um...
Kagari?



You spent
all that time
looking
for me,
didn't you?

Hm?

In fact, I
should be
grateful.

That's
right!

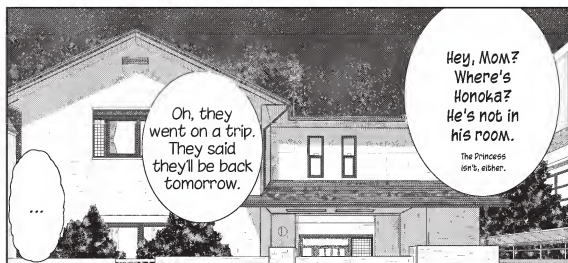
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Greetings

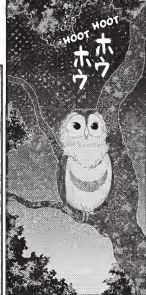
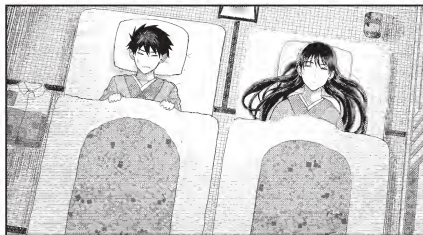


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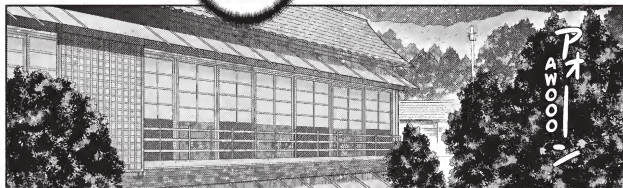


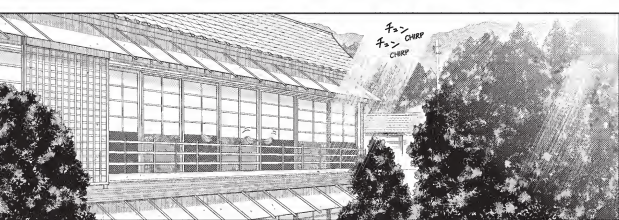






I-I can't
sleep like
this!!

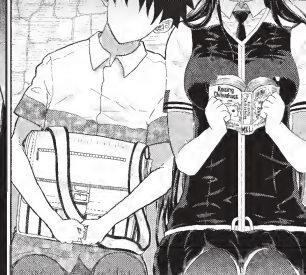
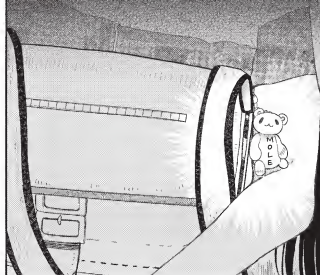








DON'T TELL
ME YOU DIDN'T
SLEEP AT ALL
LAST NIGHT...!





Taka-
miya?
Taka-
miya.

It's
time
to get
up.

Mmh
...



H-Hold on,
Furry-ear!
I just
got a
response
!!

I think I can
connect to it...!
But it's hard to
move it...
I can make out
some faint
sounds...
and...

Can
you figure
something
out?

Shh! Be
quiet!



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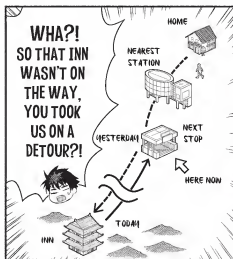


WHOA...!
SORRY!
DID I FALL
ASLEEP
?!

I'M FINE!
TOTALLY
FINE NOW
!!

I WASN'T
ABLE TO
SLEEP
FOR A
DIFFERENT
REASON...

You really
didn't rest
well at
the inn...



RABBIT!!

DAN

What? You were listening? And your buddy Macaron asked you? You want me to do what the sister said?!

Since when were you two buddies? lol

Bear Bear
Bear Bear
Beeeee!
Bear Bear!
Bear Bear!

NEW YORK SO

Rabbit Rabbit
Rabbit Rabbit
Rabbit Rabbit
Rabbit Rabbit
Rabbit!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING BARGING IN LIKE THIS, PIERRE?!

I THOUGHT I ORDERED YOU TO MOW THE LAWN!

PLEASE... STOP THOSE TWO...!

I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU... AS AN ALLY IN THIS BATTLE...

SLUMP

NO WAY.

I'm not listening to someone who betrayed our alliance as soon as it was formed.

But I, Tanpopo Kuraishi, can't deny a request from my underling !!

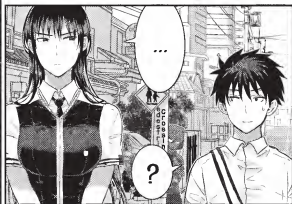
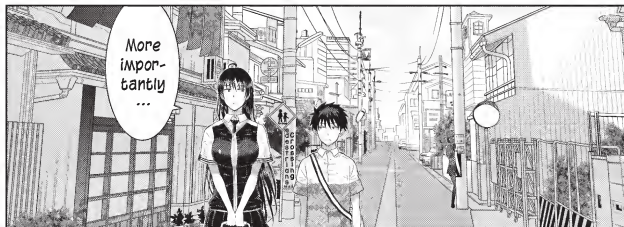
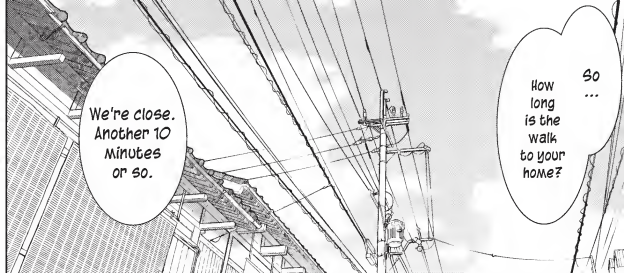
Fine, I have no choice!

I owe nothing and feel nothing for the little sister!

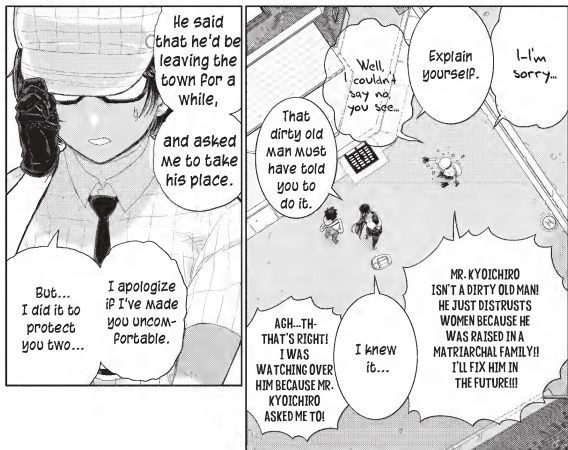
... powerful witch ...

trusted by her familiars ...

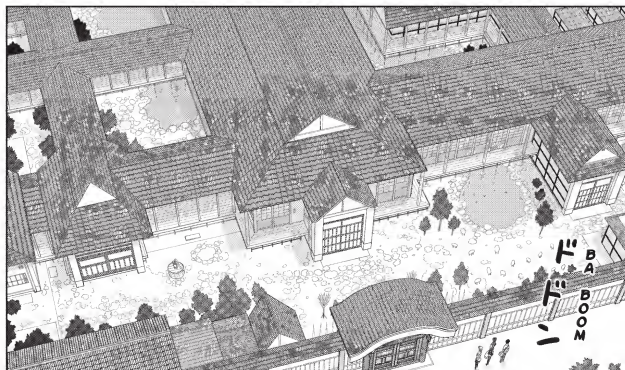
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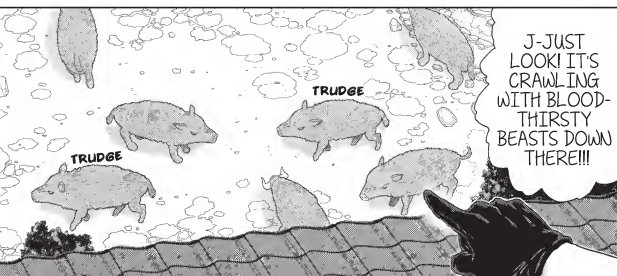
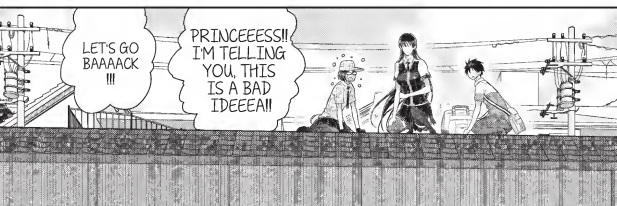


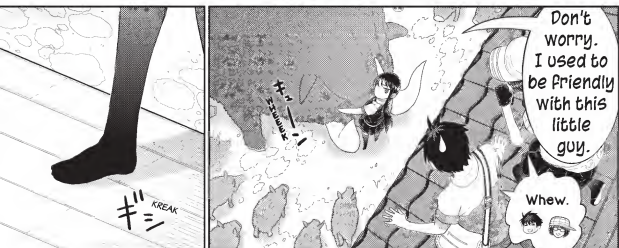
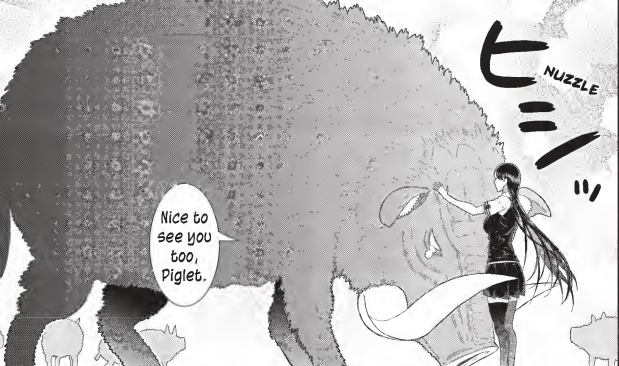


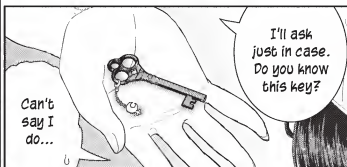


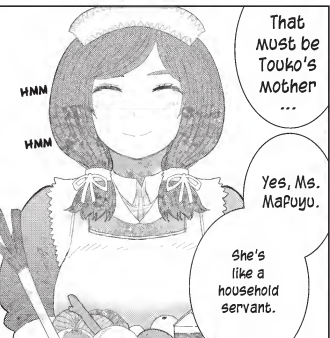


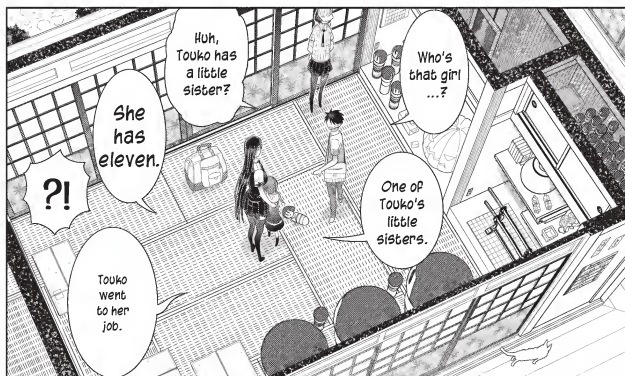


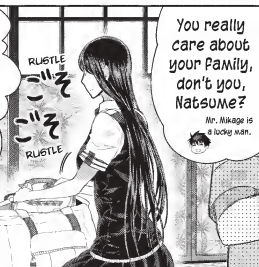
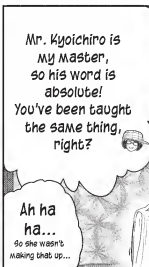


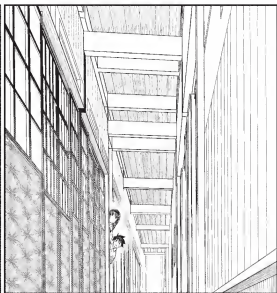
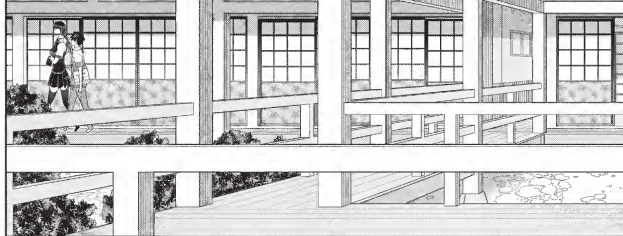




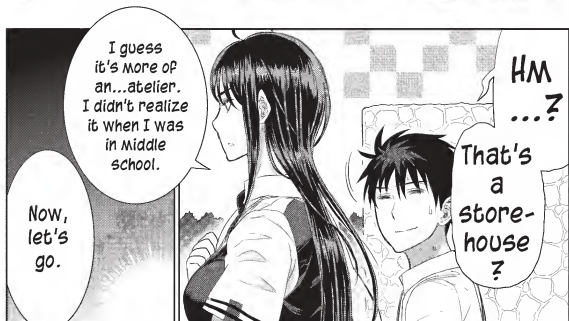












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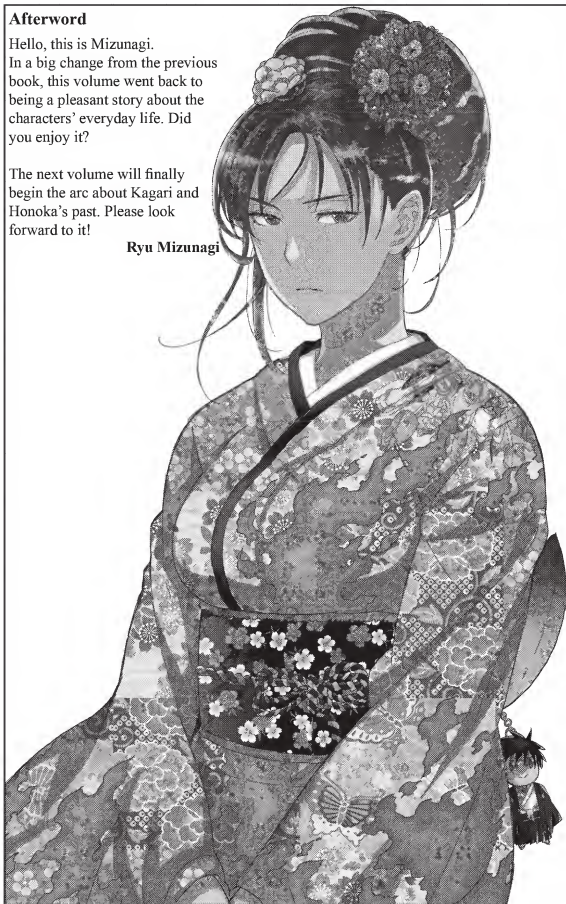
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Afterword

Hello, this is Mizunagi.
In a big change from the previous book, this volume went back to being a pleasant story about the characters' everyday life. Did you enjoy it?

The next volume will finally begin the arc about Kagari and Honoka's past. Please look forward to it!

Ryu Mizunagi



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CHAPTER 30: AFTERWARDS...



These pages are a collection of behind-the-scenes character and story elements that probably won't affect or appear in the main story, as well as comments by the author. If you finish reading the story and think, "I want to know more!" then we hope you enjoy the information here.

Chapter 28: Takamiya and the Ice Witch

The aftermath of the Weekend arc.

- Takamiya

A change occurs within Takamiya's body. Two seals remain.

- Kagari

Goes to school for the first time in 10 days. Talks about why she wanted to defeat Weekend.

- Furry-ear

Treated poorly when Komachi is away. Her breakfast on this day is the previous night's leftovers.

- Touko

One of the last surviving members of the Hio family, which has researched ice magic for generations.

Her magic is an order of magnitude more powerful than that of her parents and sisters. She releases powerful ice magic whose strength is proportionate to the level of danger she's in. She also produces various kinds of snowmen based on mood changes. The only problem is that she can't control her own power. Considering how timid she is, it's hard to expect much of her in combat. As her magic does not make her own body cold, her plump body is warm and soft. The only exception is if she senses mortal danger. In that case, she surrounds her body with a thick layer of ice, lowering her own body temperature and putting her in a state of suspended animation.

She constantly produces great magical blizzards while in cold sleep, bringing winter to a large area around her. To stop her magic, one must either wake her or wait until she runs out of magic.

In such a situation, Kagari pushed her way through the blizzard and somehow reached Touko. Kagari spent hours melting the thick ice around her, defrosting her.

Kagari doesn't like it when the town is in this ice age-like state, as it weakens her magic.

- Weekend's Flunkies

They stay in town, awaiting Weekend's return.

Chapter 29: Takamiya and the Little Sister's Evil Plot

The Furry-Sister Alliance is formed.

- Kasumi

Lives in a blindingly-colorful room. Talks about her feelings for her big brother and reveals her hostility for Kagari, who gets in the way of those feelings. And so, Kasumi once again begins to plot...

She thinks of an amazing plan to defeat Kagari, and plots to conspire with a Furry-ear and the Star Gang. However, she's overheard by the very person she's conspiring against, and her plan ends in failure. What could her plan have been...?

Her battle cry is: "Good luck and Godspeed!"

- Furry-ear

Kasumi's victim. It took her a while, but she finally realizes how ill suited her magic is in a fight with Kagari. It seems pretty obvious that when paper faces fire, fire has the advantage...

Lately, Kagari doesn't even use magic to fight her, so she drowns her sorrows in (soft) drinks at the café where Touko works part-time (Grand Grimoire, which becomes a bar at night).

If you were wondering why she's intoxicated, it's because of the Catnip Cheese snacks she's eating, not the cola she's drinking.

- Star Gang

Appear here since they were featured in the anime. As always, Mii is the only one whose name is revealed in the manga.

- Touko

As usual, working part-time, this time as a bartender. Her various part-time jobs help her act as Kagari's informant. Kagari learns about the secret meeting between Kasumi and Furry-ear through Touko and beats the details out of MacaRon to learn the whole story.

Chapter 30: Takamiya and the Return of the Furry-ear Clan

They're back, and stronger (aside from Tanpopo).

- Takamiya

Tries to show his manly side, but falls victim to the same punchline as always.

- Kagari

Turns into a little girl. However, she doesn't seem to become any weaker, making it clear that she was able to use magic from a young age.

- Furry-ear Clan

The four non-furry members return after training (hard?) under Medusa. They bring a piece of Medusa's powers with them (in secret) and use it as an anti-Kagari weapon.

Chapter 31: Takamiya and Tanuma's Misfortune

A story about the misfortune visited upon Tanuma, Kasumi's good friend.

- Takamiya and Kagari

The two begin their investigation into their pasts. Komachi reveals to them that Honoka and Kazane once associated with one another. After that, the two head to the Kagari family home.

- Kazane

Walked around with Takamiya in tow when he was a young boy. Takamiya doesn't remember this as the result of an accident.

- Miss Kasumi and Miss Tanuma

When the two enjoy their mutual hobbies, they refer to each other as “Miss.” Tanuma felt as though she understood how Kasumi felt to some degree, but learns that she was completely misguided. However, she’s troubled by how to guide Kasumi, as she wants her to be happy. Tanuma also dislikes trouble-makers and is scared of Rinon, but for some reason she doesn’t mind Kasumi’s acts of violence (something she’s seen countless times). In fact, she downright adores it.

Chapter 32: Takamiya and the Grand Plan for Penguin Punishment

The giant penguin VS. MacaRon VS. others. A rare beast face-off made in heaven.

- The giant penguin

A bug that appeared when Takamiya restored the town in the Weekend arc. It’s a highly unstable magical creature that cycles between states of existence and non-existence.

It starts to appear in chapter 28, and as Rinon says, it appears once every two to three days, wreaks havoc for about an hour, then disappears. It starts to appear more frequently, which means a rapid response is required.

People only remember it while it exists, and their memories are altered every time it appears. As people’s memories are being repeatedly altered, some regular people have started to remember it disappearing.

Its true form is one of Takamiya’s sculptures that has gained magical abilities. Kasumi feeds it to MacaRon in order to conceal the evidence, giving some level of closure to the incident.

- Kasumi and MacaRon

The Chairwoman has ordered them to not grow too large, but after getting Rinon’s permission, she tries to use her powers to their fullest. Kasumi’s cockpit is covered by a magical barrier when in the stratosphere. The “Justice” on the back of her clothing stands for “Cuteness is Justice.” Karate chops the back of Furry-ear’s head at the end of the chapter, a technique she learned from Rinon, which she herself learned from the Chairwoman. However, she failed to directly knock Tanpopo unconscious, and she ended up passing out from the pain.

- Rinon Otometachibana

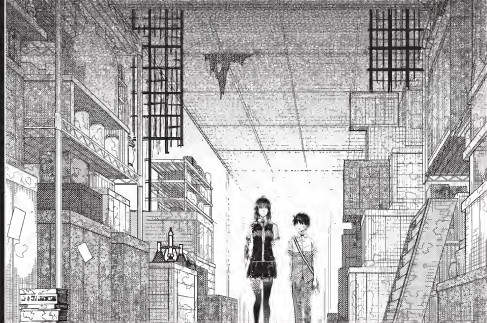
Attempts to train Kasumi through practical combat experience, as she is both Rinon's disciple and her successor as one of the five Witches who protect the town. Her thoughts may have changed after the battle with Weekend. Her favorite actor is Hiroshi Tachi (who starred as Officer Samejima in the TV adaptation of Vertical's *Shinjuku Shark* series).

- Furry-ear and Nietzsche

Tanpopo joins in the fight with her newly-developed rabbit soldier, Polnareff Junior. Nietzsche happens upon them and enters the fray with her Black Macaron.

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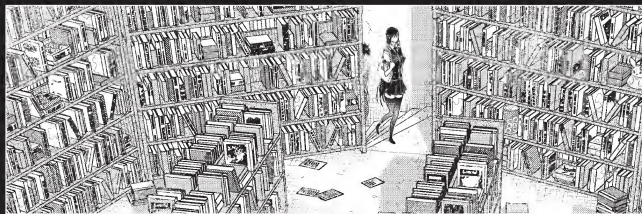
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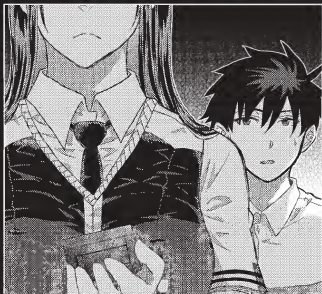
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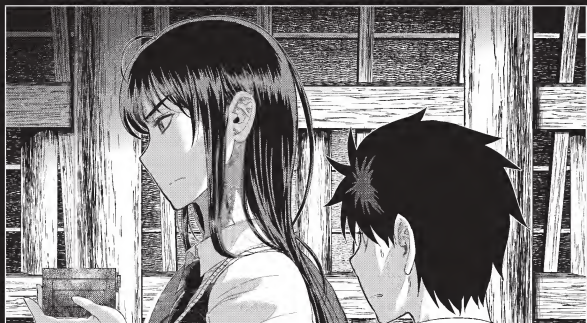


Takamiya and Kagari

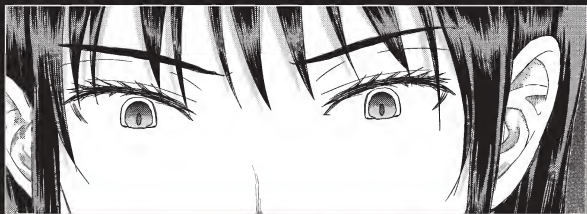
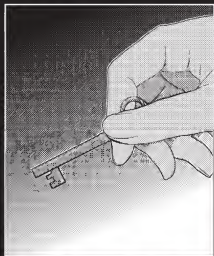


They recover





their lost past...



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